# LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS

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### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**LS 7275 DATE PREPARED:** Jan 29, 2001

BILL NUMBER: HB 2100 BILL AMENDED:

**SUBJECT:** Immunization Data Registry.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

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<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill requires the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) to develop an immunization data registry. The bill requires providers to provide a recipient's immunization data to the registry with the recipient's written consent. It also requires OMPP to apply for approval and funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services for development, implementation, and maintenance of the immunization data registry. The bill appropriates from the State General Fund to OMPP an amount sufficient to match the federal funding to develop, implement, and maintain the registry. The bill also requires OMPP to develop guidelines for providers to use in reporting immunization data to the immunization data registry.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would require at least \$405,000 in State General Funds over the biennium to develop and operate an immunization registry for Medicaid recipients (\$67,500 in FY 2002 and \$337,500 in FY 2003 and years thereafter). In the absence of estimates from the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, the methodology used by the Department of Health to develop a cost estimate for a statewide immunization registry has been applied to Medicaid information to develop this estimate. This note will be updated when Medicaid-specific information is available.

The Department of Health used a development cost of \$2.50 per child based on other States' experience in developing statewide immunization registries. This assumption was inflated further by the suggestion that at least 6 years of records needed to be maintained and available in order to access immunization records as children reach school age and the state-required immunization entrance requirements. Medicaid pays for the delivery of about 45,000 babies annually. This analysis assumes that this population will remain as Medicaid recipients in order to determine the size and cost of developing the immunization registry system. Using these assumptions, development costs of the registry would be \$675,000.

The Department of Health also applied a similar methodology in estimating the ongoing operational costs

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of an immunization registry. The Department used a midrange operating cost estimate of \$5.00 per child based on other States' experiences. Applied to the same Medicaid recipient population as the development costs discussed above, the total annual operating cost of the registry would be anticipated to be \$1,350,000.

Federal financial participation is available for the design, development, installation, and operation of immunization registries. Enhanced federal financial participation is available for immunization registries that are components of a State Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), to the extent that the system serves Medicaid beneficiaries and meets the federal specifications. If the immunization registry is developed within the MMIS, the following table shows the estimated federal participation at the enhanced rates available.

Medicaid Immunization Registry Projected Development and Operating Cost		
.,	FY 2002	FY 2003
Development cost		
Federal Share (90%)	607,500	
State Share	67,500	
Total Development Cost	675,000	
Operating Cost		
Federal Share (75%)		1,012,500
State Share		337,500
Total Operating Cost		1,350,000
Medicaid Immunization Registry		
Federal Share	607,500	1,012,500
State Share	67,500	337,500
Total Cost	675,000	1,350,000

<u>Explanation of State Revenues:</u> See Explanation of State Expenditures, above, regarding federal financial participation in the Medicaid program.

## **Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

#### **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Family and Social Services Administration, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning.

#### **Local Agencies Affected:**

<u>Information Sources:</u> Department of Health cost estimates provided by Marilyn Cage, Legislative Liaison, (317)-233-2170. Federal matching requirements from: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, July 6, 2000, Letter to State Medicaid Directors.

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